

THE DEVIL'S LAY SERMON.

BY SOLOMAN SIMPLE.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches."

DEARLY BELOVED: You, who belong to the various churches with tall steeples and long tongued bells—with elegantly cushioned seats, carpeted aisles, and gilt prayer-books have had your way about long enough. Your teachers have "sowed pillows under your arm-holes," and flattered your vanity, till some of you actually believe, like your revered predecessors the old Pharisees who crucified the carpenter's Son and stoned the Prophets, that you are "better than other men." But the fact is, you are no better than you ought to be—and you know it. If you had your deserts, the Lord only knows what would become of you.

And yet you are as unconcerned, as though there was no prospect of the devil ever getting his due. But I feel concerned for you; and since your teachers have their hands full of political matters, in getting up petitions against the Nebraska bill, converting the heathen, and furnishing bibles to those who want bread and potatoes, and in bringing all sorts of railing accusations against the World's People, thereby "abusing their betters," I propose to look into your matters a little, and thus pay them in their own coin, "without money and without price."

My text is taken from an old book which gives an account of a man of sorrows who was acquainted with grief and who "went about doing good."—And you profess to be his followers!—What have you been about? All around you are the poor, the aged, the infirm; pale care-worn widows—half-lamished and ragged children—with no means of getting the necessities, to say nothing of the comforts of life. They have called at your doors—half of them in vain; and gone supperless to bed, and shivering with the cold. In turning a deaf ear to their supplications, you have silenced the up-braidings of your consciences, by pleading your ignorance of their true condition, and shut your doors in their faces, lest a statement of their wants and deserts might take away the last excuse invented by your ingenious uncharitableness. Why did you not like the poor Nazarine who had not where to lay his head, "go about"—into the narrow streets, dark lanes, and shuffling old houses of the city, and learn the truth by personal observation? Were you afraid of soiling your silks, satins, and brocades, by coming in contact with haggard want, and squalid destitution?

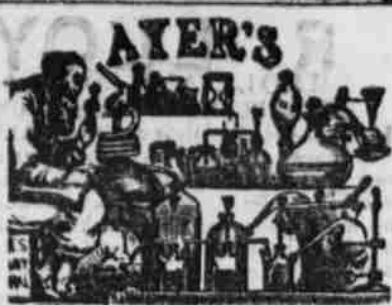
Perhaps you pray for the poor?—Very likely, for your prayers cost nothing—and ten thousand of them, though as long as a railroad, would not feed a hungry child, or wipe the frozen tear from the eye of the widow. This economy in matters of religious and moral duty, only reveals the fact that you have more faith than works, and precious little of either.

And, O, my beloved! look at your churches. Think of the thousands and scores of thousands of dollars expended in building them—and for what? That you might learn humility from ostentation, and duty from a violation of every principle of the gospel you profess! The interest on the money invested in these piles of stone, brick, and mortar, made for the purpose of bringing God within reach of his deluded offspring, and keeping him there, would feed all the hungry, clothe all the naked, and educate all the neglected children! And when the doors of those "temples made with hands" are thrown open, on the Sabbath, you go there with useless finery enough to pay all the taxes of the county and State, and leave a surplus to pay the deposits of the broken banks.

"These things ought not so to be." "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith to the churches." And remember that the severest reproofs and most dreadful maledictions uttered by the Teacher sent of God, were addressed—not to the "people of the world," as you have been in the habit of thinking, but to the punctilious and praying religionists of those days.—This your teachers have neglected to tell you, because you hire them to minister to your edification and comfort—but it is so, nevertheless. And, let me further say to you, "as in fear of God," that "pure religion, and undefiled, before God and the Father, is this—to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." And that you may "make your calling and election sure," be entreated to turn over a new leaf in the book of your experience, and profit from these timely and needful suggestions. AMEN.

AUDITOR DUNN WON'T SPEAK.—It will be seen, says the Madison (La.) Banner of yesterday, from the proceedings of the Legislature, that Auditor Dunn declines to favor that body with the amount of fees he has received from the free banks, as requested to do. It is surmised that the Auditor has made a pretty round sum out of the banks, but whether as large as reported by Thompson, the New York broker—some eighty thousand dollars—is best known to himself, and it may be that he is good at keeping a secret. However, we'll venture the prediction, without fear of transgressing the truth, that he, the shaver and banker, have made vastly more than the public, for whose benefit the banks were established.

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